

Do you remember whether
your camp on the Roan Mt., with
the cold spring the temperature of
which you measured (64° F) was
on the SE corner Slope, or the NW? ?

—dly
(my pen is horrid)

To what plants do the corollas inside
belong?

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My dear Dr.,

I hoped to have had the
pleasure of seeing you at Albany
& ask you some questions that
I beg leave now to submit to you.

I visited the Black, Roan
& other Mountains of N. Carolina
with great pleasure. Among my
best friends to look at, my worst
foes to go through, are the magni-
ficent Laurel groves which fill the
valleys, and crown the crests of the
Mountains to the top. The most
common seems to be the Blood London
maximum of your Flora; the description

entirely corresponds to my recollection
except in one particular not mentioned
in your description; viz the peduncle
which support each flower of the cluster,
and I think the calyx, are very clammy
& viscous. I hope I do not confound
this large Chodendron, which is every
where, with the Azalea arborea -

There is another fine one
which I found only in greater elevations,
from 4000 up to 6000 feet, about as large a
shrub, but bearing clusters of flowers
much thinner, and of a fine pink
violet color, not viscous at all.
This I do not find mentioned in your
flora - It is Catanbente?

Is not the Magnolia which
grows there, and very high too in the
mountain, the M. glauca? People call it
Indian bark. It is never large.

Mina and her party had found this very remarkable to her
Gray & Greville -

I think I saw one late specimen
of the Azalea calendula, which
excited my admiration to a high degree.
It was at an elevation of over 5500 feet
loaded with instruments as I
was, it was not possible for me to
take any plants, & more than
once I regretted it. My trip as to
measurements has been very successful.
Highest peak Black Dome (mine)
6700 feet - Roan Mountain 6304
I have more than 50 points well
determined. I missed Grandfather,
though, for want of a conveyance to its
foot, first, and of time, afterwards.

I heard from Mina that you
are both yourself & Mrs. Gray, very
well. Mina told me of your kindness
to her. Pray tender to Mrs. Gray
my kindest regards & believe me as
ever truly yours
A. Gray

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